



Brywood Bugle

Principal's Message



Dear Brywood Families,

With our new Brywood PTA website up and running, the content of the Brywood Bugle has changed. The PTA website has the latest and greatest PTA news and calendar of events. You should be receiving weekly updates via email directly from our PTA. The Brywood Bugle will be published less often. It will be aligned to education, school practice and policy. I will continue to write my Principal's Message., however, less frequently. My hope is that the content will be more meaningful and certainly more useful to you as parents. What you don't find in this newsletter, I am sure you can find on the PTA website.

As you know, we began our year with the implementation of SCORE, our new Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) program. Students demonstrate SCORE behavior with Success, Compassion, On-Task behavior, Respect and Effort. Students are expected to demonstrate SCORE behavior throughout the school day. And in all environments. We hope that you reap the benefits at home as students generalize this behavior in all situations, including home. All families are invited to join us each Friday as we recognize students who have demonstrated SCORE behavior. Seeing the many, many families that join us each week to say the Pledge of Allegiance and to cheer on our SCORE students is the highlight of my week.

One of the SCORE behaviors I have been targeting with students is RESPECT. The issues that are of particular concern are rudeness and profanity. With the media focus on reality television and celebrity, foul language, disrespectful attitudes and bullying have become acceptable, rewarded behaviors and even thought to be funny. When I catch students displaying these behaviors, rarely is it their intention to hurt someone. They believed they were being funny. It's important that we adults specifically define these behavior as unacceptable. I tell students that if feelings are hurt, it's not funny. I ask students if their parents would approve of disrespectful behaviors. The answer is always a resounding NO. Believe me, our students are aware of the expectations. The behavior standards are clear. What we are trying to teach them is to demonstrate the appropriate behavior when no one is looking. That's hard.

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ISHOP for Irvine Schools
November 19, 9am—9pm
Proceeds to IPSF
Support Irvine Schools

Did you Know?...

Brywood Teachers and Instructional Aides are Highly Qualified.

We are pleased to report that for the 2011-2012 school year Brywood Teachers and Instructional Assistants are 100 percent "highly qualified" as defined by the federal No Child Left Behind law.

Federal law gives parents the right to request information about the certification of teaching staff. Please direct your inquiries to Principal Christine Amoroso.



Adults sometimes say, “Well, kids do that,” or “It’s not that big a deal.” It may not be a big deal, but over time it becomes acceptable behavior. Not addressing disrespect when it happens sends the message loud and clear to our students, *we do not value respect, we don’t care how they behave*. When I meet with students, there is no yelling, no threatening, no harsh words. These are teachable moments, opportunities to change behavior. We have a conversation about choices and expectations. I tell them that using bad language or copping an attitude is disrespectful to themselves and their families. We review SCORE behavior and where they may have fallen short. I treat them with respect with a firm voice and clear expectations.

If only I had known how effective these conversations could be when I was raising my own children, I would have been a much better parent.

I hope I have given you a glimpse into how I discipline (teach) your children. Your support and partnership is greatly appreciated.

Christine Amoroso
Brywood Principal

Fall Calendar

November 15

PTA Meeting @ 7:00 pm

November 18

*Vision and Hearing
Screening*

November 24-25

*No School in observance of
Thanksgiving Holiday*

December 1, 2

Barnes and Noble Fundraiser

December 6

Trimester ends

December 16

Report Cards on line

**December 19—
January 2, 2012**

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

Information and an application went home with students. If your family’s income qualifies, please return the form as soon as possible. Or, apply online by going to the following link:

<https://www.applyforlunch.com/Application>

All information about free or reduced lunch applications is kept confidential and students are never singled out as free or reduced lunch recipients. Finally, the number of students who qualify for the free or reduced lunch program determines the level of Title 1 Funding for Brywood.



Brywood Brags

Sept

Edris Barek
Vi Hoang
Lance Raymond
Isabella Sinclair
Julia Eng
Skylar Sarkhosh
Jordan Arca
Michael Son
Katayoun Boldaji
Andy Lee
Serena Yu
Vritika Patni
Rayyan Angar
Nikou Radvar
Jesse Park
Timothy Cho
Tara Esfahani
Benjamin Zietz
Jazmyn Cooper
Ayden Mateo
Jasmine Kim
David Park
Lisa Xu
Katie Jun
Junwoo Suh

Oct

Thomas Leboucher
Braden Kiser
Jaden Norris
Nico Rodriguez
Jessica Liao
Christopher Mitchell
Owen Leboucher
Jonah Mateo
Megan Norman
Julia Tonnu
Brooke Kong
Haylee Trantien
Kana Shaffer
Chohan Yim
Josh Lips
Emma Halle
Logan Lewis
Kathryn Lau
Khai Hoang
Caleb Empig
Temor Popal
James Greenman
Ekans Cao
Mehr Bawa

Oct

Cynthia Chen
Claire Chung
Maggie Zhang
Nikhil Vupputuri
Ben Liu
Alyssa Julian
Erik Petrovich
Darren Huynh
Megan Ocampo
Justin Nguyen
Laura Park
William Raymont
Lyjah Hansen
Joanne Kim
Mya Marragay
Rayyan Angar
Tess Ortega
Renard Zarraga
Sachi Singh
Ashlyn Shahin
Parker Mallough
Parisha Babuta
Quincy Fleming
Destiny Lameko